

Library Committee Meeting

February 4, 2004

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Present: Sr. Rita Basta (Chair), Dean Susan Curzon, Rick Mitchell, Ali Tabidian, Elizabeth Sellers, Wendy Murawski, Laura Miller, Jay Christensen, Yifei Sun, Kathy Dabbour, Jeffrey Wiegley, Dennis Halcoussis, Craig Finney

Excused: Carmiña Villamizar

Guests: Peter Prager (Committee Secretary), Associate Dean Susan Parker, Mary Woodley

Chair Sister Rita:

1. After corrections, the December 3, 2003 minutes were approved.
2. Sister Rita thanked the members for continuing to keep their colleagues updated on Library information and events. She also thanked them for being conduits for feedback from their colleges to the committee.

Dean Susan Curzon:

1. The Sharon Fogarty Young Readers' Collection exhibition will open on February 19th with a reception near the Presentation Room at 6:00 p.m. The Fogarty family recently made a \$48,000 endowment to the Library to purchase children's books in Sharon's honor. Dr. Jackie Stallcup, CSUN Professor of English, will speak on "Comfort Books". Everyone is welcome. The exhibition will run through March 31st.
2. The Library was recently awarded a \$21,000 Grace Petrie Grant. Each year Grace Petrie monies are awarded to campus areas for the purchase of materials and equipment that can help disabled students or people working with disabled students. The grant process is competitive and awards are given based on the evaluation of submitted proposals.
3. The Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles recently donated 750 books about China to the Library.
4. The Korean Foundation recently donated 123 books about Korea to the Library.
5. The ceremony honoring the Tseng Chinese Antiquities Gift will be held in the Library on April 21st. It will also mark the opening of the Tseng Exhibition in the newly renovated Library exhibition area located in Oviatt 2 West.
6. On the evening of March 9th, CSUN English Professor Tony Arthur will talk about his new book "Literary Feuds" in the Presentation Room.

7. The Library's campaign to limit noise and cell phone use in the Oviatt is underway. We want to re-educate patrons that the Library is a place for quiet scholarship and research. We will evaluate our campaign's effectiveness as time goes on and make changes as needed.

8. Dean Curzon distributed an updated list of the Library's online databases for the committee members' use.

9. Dr. Robert Gohstand, Professor Emeritus from Geography and former chair of the Library Committee, recently pledged \$10,000 to fund the Reading Room Collection. The Reading Room Collection will be located in 2 West.

Associate Dean Susan Parker:

1. The reconstruction and refurbishing of the 2 West exhibition area and Special Collections Reading Room is underway. It will feature museum quality exhibition cases and lighting. The area will be ready in time for the Tseng Chinese Antiquities Exhibition on April 21.

Chair Sister Rita:

1. Possible topics of discussion for future committee meetings are: the future of libraries, the Library's journal selection process, and the Library's student information competency survey (Kathy Dabbour).

2. Sister Rita led a discussion about the philosophy of scholarship:

Questions Raised

- What is the Library's role in fostering a philosophy of scholarship within the students that use its resources and services? What is the campus' role in general; the faculty's?
- How do students use the Library?
- What does it mean for a student to be a scholar? What are the benefits?
- How do we motivate students to be scholars?
- What are the hallmarks of a CSUN student?
- How do students approach knowledge and learning?
- How does "fostering a philosophy of scholarship" fit into President Koester's goal of creating a learning centered university?

Discussion Ideas

- A scholar is someone who has, or is on the road to, mastering his/her discipline.
- Scholarship requires reflective thought.
- Scholarship requires moving beyond a student's comfort zone.
- Some students just want a degree with as little extra effort as possible and don't care about scholarship.
- The erosion of ethical standards is affecting student scholarship. There often are no consequences for plagiarism, cheating, etc.

It was decided that further thought and discussion were necessary on this topic. It is such a important subject with many ramifications. A subcommittee of Elizabeth Sellers (Chair), Jay Christensen and Rick Mitchell was formed to consider ideas for further discussion. The

committee must also decide how best to incorporate this discussion into the larger University dialogue.